## VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING January 5, 2016

**Regular Meeting** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the

Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Selectmen Present** Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Lloyd A. VanLanen

Town Officials None

Citizens Present Joseph Miller; Audience of Citizens

**Approval of Minutes** 

Motion A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve the minutes of the Meeting

held on December 15, 2015 with the following clarification: The Community Networking Meetings are a forum for groups, organizations and volunteers to exchange ideas and work

together for the betterment of the Town. Unanimously voted.

**Citizens Comments** 

Joseph Miller Mr. Miller spoke about recent burglaries in Town and asked how the BOS communicated with the

State Police. Mr. Sirpenski noted that he receives a monthly report which shows an average of three responses per day by the police. During the period of 11/27/15 through December 2015 there were 5 burglaries. Mr. Miller stated that it was his understanding that towns are assigned a Sergeant to represent them. Mr. Sirpenski noted that his contact is Lt. Cooke, the Commanding Officer of Troop E in Montville. Mr. Sirpenski has been in contact with Lt. Cooke, and the Town

is patrolled daily.

Correspondence & Announcements

Resignation Letter Selectman Lloyd VanLanen submitted a letter of resignation effective 1/22/16. Mr. VanLanen

accepted a position with the Federal Government and cannot serve in an elected position.

Mr. Sirpenski accepted the resignation letter with regret and thanked Mr. VanLanen for his work

on the BOS.

V/S Transfer Station A letter from a concerned resident regarding dumping fees was referred to the Transfer Station

Commission.

FOI Request Transfer Station An FOI request regarding the Solid waste Disposal Agreement between the Transfer Station and

Covanta was answered and will be forwarded to the Commission.

Affordable Care Act The IRS announced that the deadline for filing 1094 & 1095 forms has been delayed.

STEAP Deadline Ms. April Capone of the Office of Policy and Management forwarded a notice that the 2016

STEAP deadline is 1/15/16.

Dept. of Dev. Services Ms. Loreen Lewis of the Department of Developmental Services forwarded a request asking the

BOS to make brochures available to families in the region, asking them to sponsor an adult with intellectual disabilities in their home. The program is an alternative to the traditional supported

living or group homes.

EMPG Grant Mr. Douglas Glowacki, Emergency Management Program Specialist, forwarded information on

the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

ProAct The Discount Prescription Drug Card Program saved residents \$933.53 in 2015. Information and

cards are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

CCM State CCM forwarded notices on estimated cuts to the Town's ECS funding and the Public School

Funding Cuts Transportation Grant.

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Uncas Health District The Uncas Health District notified the Town that there would be no increase in fees for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year.

**Old Business** 

Building Committee Lib. - Motion A motion was made (Lloyd VanLanen/Tracey Hanson) to establish a Building Committee and approve a Mission Statement and ground rules for the proposed addition to the Voluntown Public

Library. Unanimously voted.

Appointments Lib. Building Comm.

A motion was made (Lloyd VanLanen/Robert Sirpenski) to appoint Ronald Millovitsch, Cynthia Chabot, Catherine Rubin, Tom Wilber, Jack Wesa, Emily Allard and Jim Levola to the Library Building Committee. Unanimously voted.

Accrued Benefits Acct. Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to close the Accrued Benefits Account with a balance \$12,612.64. Unanimously voted.

School Security Upgrades Motion A motion was made (Lloyd VanLanen/Tracey Hanson) to appropriate \$12, 612.64 from the Accrued Benefits Fund to the BOE budget for 2015/2016 Fiscal Year School Security Upgrades. Unanimously voted.

**New Business** 

Public Hearing Comm. Dev. Block Grant Program A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve a Public Hearing Notice for a Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant. Unanimously voted.

The meeting was set for Feb. 2, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the

Public Hearing Notice is appended to these minutes.

Addition to Agenda Appt. – Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to add the reappointment of Lillian Rafeldt as the Town's representative to the Uncas Health District to the agenda. Unanimously voted.

Appt. – Health District Motion

A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski/Tracey Hanson) to reappoint Lillian Rafeldt as the Town's representative to the Uncas Health District. Unanimously voted.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Lloyd VanLanen/Tracey Hanson) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:	Approved for distribution by:
Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS	Robert A. Sirpenski, First Selectman